

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 10, lines 29-32, please replace the previously amended paragraph with the following:

--Figures 2A and 2B illustrate the comparison of the nucleic acid (Figure 2B; (SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 24)) and protein (Figure 2A; (SEQ ID NOS: ~~25 and 26~~ 26 and 25)) sequences *HSKin17* and *MmKin17*. Nucleotides = 86% identity, amino acids = 92.4% identity.